

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

Community Worker

The goals of this program are to encourage, facilitate, and maximize improvement of the quality of psychiatric care at Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) and other various levels of care to improve accountability and accessibility in a manner that ensures appropriate placement and use of services within the system of care. It also is responsible for the development of new and innovative ways of delivering care in residential settings for individuals diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses who are requiring residential services. The Community Worker is part of a multidisciplinary team that includes a mental health clinical supervisor, psychiatric social workers, mental health clinicians, a psychiatrist, mental health counselor R.N., case managers, and support staff. Primary duties and responsibilities of this position include:

- Provide peer support services to clients prior to discharge from the IMDs, IMD Step-downs, and County hospitals in order to support their transition to community living for the County of Los Angeles' DMH Countywide Resource Management.
- Facilitate and encourage client's participation with interdisciplinary treatment teams in planning their treatment goals and achieving their goals.
- Collaborate with the interdisciplinary team members regarding the client's progress with their treatment goals.
- Communicate and educate community and client cultural patterns and attitudes to IMDs, IMD Step-downs, and County hospitals professional staff.
- Assist IMDs, IMD Step-downs, and County hospitals clients in learning community living skills and using community resources by discussing common transition experiences in order to relieve anxiety, educating processes and procedures; walking clients through new activities as required to assist them in the recovery process.
- Assist DMH liaisons with discharge planning by facilitating access to residential care or permanent housing.
- Serve as a client advocate with securing necessary resources including Supplemental Security Income, Medi-Cal and other benefits in which they may be eligible.
- Facilitate peer support groups as appropriate.
- Recruit and train volunteer mentors for clients transitioning from an IMD and IMD Step-downs into the community living setting.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in working with clients having multiple diagnoses, including severe and persistent mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, and/or incarceration.
- Experience in working with multidisciplinary team.
- Knowledge and experience in providing services to clients with forensic histories *preferred*.
- Adaptable and flexible.

This position's headquarter is currently located at 1925 Daly Street, 2nd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90031. However, this program is projected to relocate to DMH Headquarters, 550 S. Vermont Ave., CA 90020 in Spring 2015.

Interested individuals holding title to the above position are encouraged to send their resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two (2) years of master time records by **Friday, February 27, 2015** to:

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